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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 19th-August, through Sunday, 26th-August there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU7, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3A, MONACO

Nobby, G0VJG, will be active as 3A/G0VJG between October 1-5th. Activity will be on the HF

bands using 100 watts and SSB only. QSL via G0VJG.

5X, UGANDA (Update)

Nick, G3RWF, informs OPDX that he is returning to Uganda on October 16th, and expects to be on the air probably the next day as 5X1NH. He mentions that he will return to the UK on December 12th, and states, "Same set-up as usual - mixture of bands and modes". This probably means 80-10 meters, and he prefers to operate CW, but will also be on the Digital modes with some SSB. There will be no 160m (no room for an antenna) and 6 meters is not licensed. Operations will be limited because Nick does voluntary work at the "Mountains of the Moon University" in Fort Portal, so activity will be during his off hours. He adds that he is carrying all of his gear there (rig is K3). Nick has put over 100k QSOs in the log from Uganda and is looking for more! If you hear Nick's callsign before the 16th of October it is a PIRATE!. **ADDED NOTE FROM NICK:** He will be active as 5B/G3RWF during the month of September while on holiday.

9G, GHANA

Emil, ZS6EGB, is back in Ghana as of July 20th, under a new assignment with the Mining Group operating in the Central Province. He states, "We are setting up a new Clinic and will only be operational after my vacation." Please look for 9G5ZS on most bands. His usual setup will be an Icom 706mkIIG and a HyGain Vertical plus Dipoles for the low bands. QSL via ZS6EGB (see **(QRZ.com)**).

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Look for 19 year old university students Seiya "Sam"/JE1XUZ (KH0XH) and Yuzo/JQ2WTT (KH0XW) to be active as AH0BT from the Saipan BBQ Contest Club on Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan Island (OC-086) between August 29th and September 2nd. Activity will be focused on the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 1-2nd) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via 7L1FPU.

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Kuroi, JH0MGJ/AL5A, will be active as AL5A/AH0 from **Saipan Island (OC-086**) between September 7-9th. He states that he will be looking "for many friends who will be in the Europe". QSL via LoTW. If you want a paper QSL (if it is necessary), his QSL Manager is JA7JEC.

C2, NAURU ISLAND

Yoosuke "Yuki", JH1NBN, will be active as C21BN (and possibly a special callsign) from Nauru between September 3-10th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using simple antennas with 100 watts. QSL via his home callsign.

C6, BAHAMAS

Robert, AK4BM, will be active as C6AGT from **Green Turtle Cay (NA-080)** between December 2012 and January 2013 (Specific dates were not provided). He plans to have a beacon (most likely on 10 meters) active during the day and will be operating SSB, and possibly the Digitial modes (PSK31 and JT65) during the evenings on various bands between 40-10 meters, as conditions permit. He may also operate from other uninhabited islands around Green Turtle Cay using a low power transmitter (Yaesu 817nd) using wire antennas, and

probably on the 20 meter band. All QSL cards will be returned with a photo QSL from the island upon his return. Please send them direct to his home callsign AK4BM (w/SASE/Green Stamps appreciated, but not required).

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS

After trying to head back to South Cook Islands, the sail boat developed some problems and the skipper decided to take Andy/AB7FS (E51AND) and his XYL Kathy back to **Palmerston Atoll (OC-124)**, North Cook Islands. The couple will now stay until the middle of September. Look for Andy to be active mainly on CW around 14048 kHz. He often checks into the ANZA Net on 14183 kHz after 0500z. QSL via AB7FS.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS

Luis, EA8AY, from the Island of Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA 1276), announced that he will be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??) entry. This will be his first SSB contest. QSL via W2GR or LoTW. Visit his Web site at:

http://www.ea8ay.com/ef8x

EL, LIBERIA

Look for the VooDoo Contest Group to once again be active from here between November 21-27th. This is their 24th straight year. Operations will be from a location just South of Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. Their main goal is to be an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi category using the callsign EL2A. Outside of the contest the operators will use their own personal call- signs. Operators mentioned are Ned/AA7A (EL2NS), Roger/G3SXW (EL2A), Fred/G4BWP (EL2WP), John/G4IRN (EL2RN), Mike/KC7V (EL2MF), Lee/KY7M (EL2LF) and Bud/N7CW (EL2CW). QSL via their home callsign. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

DXPEDITION STORIES AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

The DXItalia Web page provides interesting DXpedition stories with pictures at: http://www.dxitalia.it Presently, there are stories about:
* The CY9M 2012 Story: **http://www.dxitalia.it/web/2012/08/the-cy9m-2012-story**
* HK0NA MALPELO 2012: **http://www.dxitalia.it/web/2012/05/hk0na-malpelo-2012**
* 3D2R From problems to success (2011): **http://www.dxitalia.it/web/2012/05/3d2r-from-problems-to-success**

DXPEDITION VIDEOS OF THE WEEK

With more and more DXpeditions putting their videos on YouTube and other Web services, we decided to list them (possibly) each week. For this week's listings:
2011 - Buddies in the Caribbean 2011 Mini-DXpedition to Dominica:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWbeHhtYS0o (Part 1)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ughibaIckGU (Part 2)
2010 - CQ7OA **Berlenga Island (EU-040)** DXpedition: **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BFvuCCunE0**
2009 - Buddies in the Caribbean (FS/PJ6 & PJ7) Suitcase DXpedition:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7l8fdgGkHA

If you have a DXpedition 'video' available on the Web and would like to have it listed in the

OPDX, PLEASE send the URL to use, and we will publish it.

HK, COLOMBIA

Members of the DX Colombia Amateur Radio Club (DXARC) and some Argentine operators will activate the "Jumanji Contest Station" as HK1NA during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are Jorge/HK1R, Sal/HK1T, Pedro/HK1X, Sandra/ HK3JJB, Mario/HK3O, Camilo/HK3TU, Faber/HK6F, Luis/HK6P, Daniel/LU3CT, Victor/LU3JVO, Toribio/LW1DTZ and Tim/LW9EOC. QSL via K6IPM. Visit the DXARC Web page at:

http://dxarc.org

IOTA NEWS

EU-025. Members of the Arcibessi DX & Contest Group will be active as II9P from **Sicily Island** during the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 1-2nd) and CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via IT9CHU or LoTW. Operators mentioned for the CQWW DX SSB Contest are Antonello/IT9EQO, Carmelo/IT9AUG, Fabio/IT9GSF, Marcello/IT9CJC, Gianni/IT9BUN, Gene/IT9NJE, Marc/ IT9ACN, Frederic/ON4LG and Romeo/S52RU. Visit the II9P Web page at:

http://ii9p.com

EU-045. Look for IB0E to be active from **Isola di Ventotene** (IIA LT-011, MIA MI-118, WFF IFF-110, WLOTA 1403) by the time you read this. Activity will last until August 31st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes with two stations on the air. QSL via operator's instructions.

EU-165. Riccardo, IZ5JMX, will be active as IM0/IZ5JMX from **San Pietro Island** between September 2-14th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB only. QSL via the Bureau to his home callsign.

EU-171. Members of the Dutch Contest Group (Zeeuws-Vlaanderen [PI4DX]) will be active as OV2T from **Jutland Island**, Denmark, between August 29th and September 4th. Activity will be holiday style using SSB and CW, and perhaps some RTTY. During the weekend of September 1st, they will join the local OZ5GX group from Saeby, Denmark, during IARU region One Field Day as OZ5GX/P. QSL Manager for OV2T is PA0ABM, direct or by the Bureau. QSL via OZ5GX via info on **(QRZ.com)**.

EU-172. Operators Harry/PA1H and Nico/PA7PA will be active once again as OZ/homecall from **Langø Island** (FY-025) between October 4-12th. Langø Island belongs to Langeland Island, but it'?s off Langeland. Actually it's a very small island with only one house. The operators were active from here in 2009 and 2010. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, especially 30 meters and using more Digital modes. When possible 160 meters too. There will be special attention this time for stations outside Europe. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-174. Members of the "White Tower DX Team" will be active as J48SV from **Samothraki Island** (MIA MG-100, WLOTA 4166, GIOTA NAS-032) between August 24-27th. QSL via SV2FPU.

OC-170. Operators Reinhard/DF4TD, Steve/VK2SJK, Nigel/VK6NI and Wally/ VK6YS will be active as VK6DWI from **Woody Island** between November 9-13th. They will run fairly simple stations with a pair of Icom IC7000s, verticals and a Spiderbeam. The team plans to have two stations on air whenever they have pro- pagation. More details are forthcoming, and updates can be found at:

http://www.westozdx.net/IOTAS/OC170/OC170.html

J2, DJIBOUTI

Christian, F5MBF, has been in Djibouti since July and has been awaiting a callsign. He finally received the callsign J28NC. He is expected to stay in Djibouti for at least two years. Activity will be mainly CW with some SSB using a 80-10m vertical. He is expecting a beam to be shipped to him. QSL route has not been provided.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 27th-September 2nd)

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Aug/27th  AN      Aug/30th  AN      Sep/01st  AN
Aug/28st  AN      Aug/31st  AN      Sep/02nd  AN
Aug/29th  HN-LN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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NH8, SWAINS ISLANDS

Another press release was posted on the Swains Island Web page

http://nh8s.org/pages/news.html

with pictures on August 25th, this time from Alex Jennings. In short, David Jennings and his advance crew departed Pago harbor on the "MV Sili" for Swains Island on August 24th. They took with them all the materials and supplies to set up two operating stations, as well as sleeping quarters, a kitchen and restroom facilities. They were also able to take all of the radio equipment that was shipped in from California from the operators. Read the complete press release at the above Web link. Remember, we should hear NH8S possibly September 5th.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated August 26th)
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3Z0MFF via SP9PTG          EI0LHL via EI4GXB           R1050QB via UA1QEO
3Z95HB via SP2ZCI          EK3GM via IK2QPR            RW1150M via RQ3M
4L4ZA via DJ1CW            EM7KAA/P via IK2DUW         SD3N via SM3NXS
4O/IV3GTH via IV3GTH       ES0/OH3BHL/P via OH3BHL     SG3U via SM3CXS
4O/Z35W via Z35W           ES0/RU5A via RU5A           SQ6CU/8 via SQ6CU
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4Z130R via 4Z4KX          HB0/IZ3GNG via IZ3GNG      SV5/DL7YS via DL7YS
8Q7HA via 9K2HS           HF70DZIDEK via SP5NHV      SV9/EM5F via UR5FAV
9A20HRS via 9A3JB         HG5FIRAC via HA5BSW        SV9/I1FQH via I1FQH
9K24P via 9K2OK (B)       HS0ZKG via HS Bureau       V63PR via JJ8DEN
9N1AA via N4AA            I0/YO7LKW via YO7LKW       VK3/W5RH via W5RH
AH0J via JA1NVF           II1PV via IQ1GE            VU3TMO via VU2JOS
BD7JUI via BA4EG          IT9/IZ2MFD via IZ2MFD      W7L via AI4U
C5/M1KTA via M1KTA        IX1/IZ5GST via IZ5GST      XV1X via RW6HS (d)
CO8WZ via EA7TV           JW/SQ5BPF via SQ5BPF       XV9NPS via JA2NPS
CQ7GIL via CS1AAM         KH2L via W3HNK             YQ7M via YO7MGG
EA8/DG5NFF via DG5NFF     KH6LC via WA6WPG           YR2WFF via YO2KJW
EG5FTE via IK1GPG         NN1X via JG3JLC            YR8Y via YO8WW
EG7AL via EA7NL           OD5PY via KU9C             YT0WFF via YU7CM
EG8FSJ via EA8NE          ON20OSA via ON4OSA         YW5YL via YV5AJ
EH2DC via EA2URC          R111DCP via UA6MM
                (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW
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CY9M QSL STATUS. QSL cards are expected to be shipped out within a few weeks. Also, if you want to view their four sided QSL card, go to:

http://dx-world.net/2012/qsl-card-preview-cy9m

D64K OQRS is "NOW AVAILABLE" at: **http://www.d64k.net/log-on-line**

QSL MANAGER. It has been reported that Alex, UA9YPS, is the QSL Manager for the following: **JT0YPS, JT0YAB, XU7AEP, XU7AEQ, YV5/UA9YAB, YV5/UA9YPS, YV7/UA9YAB and YV7/UA9YPS. QSL ONLY direct to UA9YPS**.

VU7M DXPEDITION PHOTOS are now available for viewing at: https://plus.google.com/photos/110254406059509302988/albums/5780835703240603633?banner=pwa **QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5B4AIF, 9A2YM, 9A205AN, CU3AC, DC3CD, DC1NSK, DJ1XT, DL1IAI, EA1DAX, EA2KV, EA7SG, EI3KG, HA1AG, HC2A, II4K, JA0FVU, JA1QOW, JF1JTQ, K4JPD, KP2JS, LA1J, OE1A, OK1AU, P40A, PA4N, PY5FB, RK2T, SM2ODB, TI2HAS, TF4X, UA6BRD, UR3IFD, UR5GDX/P, VK4BUI, VK6GX, W1WBB, XE1GRR, YB8Y, YL0Y and YO9FNP**

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 6V7S, A41MX, A5A, EW6DX, FM5WD, G4RCG, NP3CW, S9DX, TY2BP, VE2/F8BMG, VR2KF, YL2AG and ZD7FT

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 8J1RL, A35AY, A71DLH, AM1KR, BO0M, BU2AW, BV0EXPO, BV3FG, BW0S, BW1/VR2RR, BW2000, DR1A, DX2DP, EN20UARL, EO20IGN, EO20UU, FJ/OS1T, GB5RST, GR0RPM, H55MX, HD2M, IE9Z, JX/G3SXW, LY25QT, OH0I, OX3XR, PG540BUFFALO, PP0T, V5/DL2SL, V63X and XW0ZJZ

SILENT KEY

Eric, SM1TDE, informs OPDX that **Lars Rooth, SM1BOE** (he was an operator at HV3SJ), became a Silent Key (SK) on July 21st, at the age of 90 years old. He served in the British Army during WW2, acted as teacher for Pope Johannes Paulus and worked for the Swedish language program of Vatican Radio among other things. For more info on Lars Rooth, SM1BOE, see:

http://www.news.va/en/news/jesuit-father-lars-rooth-passes-away

http://archive.catholicherald.co.uk/article/3rd-may-1994/6/rare-sort-of-priest-in-sweden

OTHER SILENT KEYS MENTIONED

George Varvitsiotes, K6SV (ex-WB6DSV), Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) Vice President, became a Silent Key on August 21st.

Joel P. Kleinman, N1BKE, of Meriden, Connecticut, and QST Managing Editor, became a Silent Key on August 18th.

Victor (Vic) Poor, W5SMM, of Melbourne, Florida, a recipient the "ARRL President's Award" became a Silent Key on August 17th.

OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the above mentioned.

PJ2, CURACAO ISLAND

The German team of Anja/DH2AK and Wilf/DL1HTM will be active as PJ2/homecall from Curacao Island between August 26th and Sep- tember 1st. They plan to operate from the PJ2A club station, mainly on 20 and 15 meters SSB. QSL via their home callsigns.

SPECIAL OPDX BULLETIN

If you missed OPDX.1075.1, containing press releases/updates on the upcoming NH8S Swains Island and ZL9HR Campbell Island DXpedition, go to the OPDX's Home page at:

http://www.papays.com/opdx1075.1.html

SV9, CRETE

Operators Alberto/EA1SA and YL Silvia/EA1AP will be active as SV9/homecall from Crete (EU-015) between September 9-15th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will use a vertical dipole arrays and other wire antennas. QSL via their home callsigns.

SW9, CRETE

Uli, DJ9XB, will be active as SW9XB from Crete Island during the month of September. He will be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

TI, COSTA RICA

Alan, K0AV, will once again be active as TI5A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via TI5KD or LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA

As this was been written, Yoshi, JJ8DEN, is expected to once again be active as V63PR from Micronesia, but this time from **Falalop Island, Ulithi Atoll, Yap State (OC-078)**, until September 3rd. It was mentioned on QRZ.com: "This schedule might change or cancel without previous notice due to flight to/from Falalop Island." Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65A if possible. QSL via JJ8DEN, direct (w/SASE: Please send European type envelope with 2 USDs or 1IRC) or by the Bureau (Do NOT send QSL to V63

Bureau).

Z2, ZIMBABWE (Also 9J)

Gerard (Gert), ZS6AYU, will be active as Z21GF from Victoria Falls between October 22-25th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW only. He informs OPDX that he will use a Cushcraft R7000 vertical running 400 watts. QSL via ZS6AYU, direct or by the Bureau. **ADDED NOTE:** Gert also mentions that he intends to visit Zambia (Waiting for the license) between October 19th and October 22nd.

ZD9, GOUGH ISLAND (Bad and Good News)

Its seems the DX community has been duped on the Paul, ZD9KN, operation from **Gough Island (AF-030)**. **ZD9KN is a PIRATE!** Several sources report that Johan, ZS1A, has confirmed that the callsign ZD9KN has never been issued. So, do not waste time working this station if you hear him.

The good news is that Gerard ZS6KX/ZS7KX will be going to Gough Island sometime September for one year. He is hoping to be issued the callsign ZD9KX and is awaiting for the approval/license. QSL route TBA. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.nodxa.org

http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation

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